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Application No. 09/506,434

DECISION ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 5, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed September 20, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from its mailing date. No extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained within the allowable period. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 21, 2005.

The amendment filed May 5, 2006, is noted.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600, GAU 3693 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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